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1. SUMMARY: FEB 20-21 IEA CONSERVATION SUB-GROUP MEETING AGREED TO A SERIES OF EXPERT MEETINGS THIS SPRING ON SPECIFIC CONSERVATION SECTORS. GROUP AGREED THAT AIM SHOULD BE AN EXTENSIVE GOVERNING BOARD DISCUSSION OF CONSERVATION IN THE FALL WHICH WOULD CONSIDER THE RESULTS OF EXPERT MEETINGS TOGETHER WITH SUB-GROUP AND SLT ANALYSIS OF STATUS OF CONSERVATION EFFORT IN MEMBER COUNTRIES, MAJOR CONSTRAINTS TO IMPROVED CONSERVATION AND POSSIBLE LINES OF NATIONAL OR COLLECTIVE ACTION. SUB-GROUP CHAIRMAN PROPOSED THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO LAUNCHING AT THE FALL GOVERNING BOARD AN IEA-WIDE CONSERVATION PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM, BASED IN PART ON PUBLICATION OF RECENT AGENCY CONSERVATION ANALYSIS. NEXT SUB-GROUP MEETING SET FOR JUNE 19-21.
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2. AT THE FEBRUARY 20-21 MEETING, THE CONSERVATION SUB-GROUP AGREED TO DEVELOP REPORTS FOR POSSIBLE PRESENTATION TO THE GOVERNING BOARD ON PUBLIC MOTIVATION, EDUCATION AND INFORMATION; CONSERVATION POLICY IN THE TRANSPORT SECTOR; ENERGY CONSERVATION IN THE BUILDING SECTOR; ENERGY CONSERVATION IN INDUSTRY; ELECTRIC UTILITY TARIFF POLICY; DISTRICT HEATING, AND TECHNICAL

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REPORTS ASSESSING ENERGY CONSERVATION EFFORTS IN THE IEA IN 1976. THE PURPOSE OF THESE REPORTS WILL BE TO STIMULATE GOVERNING BOARD DISCUSSION OF THE STATUS OF CONSERVATION IN MEMBER COUNTRIES, CONSTRAINTS TO GREATER CONSERVATION, AND TO OUTLINE POSSIBLE LINES OF ACTION.

3. PUBLIC INFORMATION: SUB-GROUP AGREED TO A MEETING OF EXPERTS ON PUBLIC INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND MOTIVATION TO BE CHAIRED BY THE UK ON JUNE 6-8. PURPOSE IS TO UPDATE ANALYSIS OF IEA COUNTRIES' PROGRESS SINCE THE LAST EXPERTS MEETING OF NOVEMBER 1975, TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND TO DEVELOP POSSIBLE ACTIONS FOR IEA COUNTRIES TO TAKE, EITHER INDIVIDUALLY OR COLLECTIVELY. EACH COUNTRY WAS URGED TO PROVIDE A BACKGROUND PAPER BY MAY 1 ON ITS INFORMATION PROGRAMS TO BE DISTRIBUTED PRIOR TO THE MEETING AND TO BE PREPARED TO GIVE AUDIO-VISUAL PRESENTATIONS OF THEIR PROGRAMS. THE SECRETARIAT IS TO DEVELOP A PAPER ON POSSIBLE IEA WIDE ACTIONS.

4. TRANSPORT CONSERVATION: U.S. DELEGATE PRESENTED GUIDELINES FOR A MEETING OF EXPERTS ON ENERGY CONSERVATION IN THE TRANSPORT SECTOR. THE MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 18-19 AND IS TO COVER POLICY TO REDUCE ENERGY USE IN THE AUTOMOBILE SECTOR. EACH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

COUNTRY WAS ENCOURAGED TO PROVIDE PAPERS BY APRIL 1 ON THIS SUBJECT FOR CIRCULATION PRIOR TO THE MEETING. THE SECRETARIAT IS TO PROVIDE A BACKGROUND PAPER. THE U.S. PRESENTED POLICY ANALYSIS ON AUTOMOBILE GASOLINE USE SHOWING THAT THE ELASTICITY OF DEMAND FOR GASOLINE VARIED DEPENDING ON THE POLICIES IN PLACE AND THAT SUBSTANTIAL SAVING ON THE ORDER OF ONE MILLION BARRELS PER DAY COULD BE ACHIEVED IN THE U.S. BY 1990 WITH MANDATORY FUEL ECONOMY STANDARDS AND GAS GUZZLER TAX.

5. BUILDINGS CONSERVATION: CANADIAN DELEGATE PRESENTED A CHAIRMAN'S PAPER ON ENERGY CONSERVATION IN THE BUILDING SECTOR WHICH IDENTIFIED POTENTIAL ENERGY CONSERVATION OPPORTUNITIES, FACTORS THAT IRHIBIT THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES AND POSSIBLE AREAS OF GOVERNMENT ACTIONS. PAPER PROPOSED GUIDELINES FOR A MEETING OF EXPERTS TO BE HELD ON MAY 24-26. THE EXPERTS MEETING WILL FOCUS ON THE CHAIRMAN'S PAPER AND A SECRETARIAT BACKGROUND PAPER IN ASSESSING WHERE INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES STAND, IDENTIFYING POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION AND UNIFORM MEASURES FOR ASSESSING BUILDING CONSERVATION POLICY.

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6. INDUSTRY CONSERVATION: THE RESULTS OF THE JAN 31-FEB 2 MEETING OF EXPERTS ON INDUSTRY CONSERVATION CHAIRED BY THE UK AND DENMARK WERE REVIEWED. SUB-GROUP ENDORSED CONCLUSION THAT EXPERTS MEETING SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE HELD ON A YEARLY BASIS, WITH TIGHTLY FOCUSSED AGENDA. THE EXPERTS CAUTIONED AGAINST A SINGLE APPROACH TO INDUSTRIAL ENERGY CONSERVATION. MEMBER GOVERNMENTS ARE TO SEND TO THE SECRETARIAT BY MAY 31 THEIR VIEWS OF THE MAJOR CONSTRAINTS INHIBITING INCREASED ENERGY CONSERVATION IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR AND INCREASED USE OF WASTE HEAT. THE SECRETARIAT WILL PREPARE A BRIEF PAPER. THE CHAIRMAN WILL PREPARE A REPORT ON THE FINDING OF THE EXPERTS MEETING. THESE PAPERS WILL BE REVIEWED AT THE NEXT SUB-GROUP MEETING AND EITHER COMBINED OR SENT SEPARATELY TO THE SLT AND THE GOVERNING BOARD.

7. ELECTRIC UTILITY TARIFFS: SECRETARIAT IS TO COMPLETE THE ANALYSIS ON ELECTRIC UTILITY TARIFFS.
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THE ROLE OF THE CONSERVATION AND NUCLEAR SUB-GROUPS IN THIS ISSUE WILL BE EXAMINED BY THE SECRETARIAT.

8. DISTRICT HEATING: THE DANISH DELEGATION PRESENTED PROPOSED GUIDELINE FOR A MEETING OF EXPERTS TO BE HELD ON MAY 22-23. OTHER COUNTRIES WITH EXPERIENCE IN DISTRICT HEATING WERE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE A SHORT QUESTIONNAIRE AND SHARE IN THEIR EXPERIENCES. RESULTS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE SUB-GROUP, AND IF APPROPRIATE, SLT AND GOVERNING BOARD.

9. ASSESSMENT OF ENERGY CONSERVATION: PRELIMINARY SECRETARIAT ANALYSIS ON ENERGY DEMAND 1973-1976 PRESENTED AT THE MEETING IS TO BE REVIEWED BY THE MEMBER COUNTRIES BY MAY 31; MODIFICATIONS WILL BE MADE AS NECESSARY. REVISED SECRETARIAT PAPER WILL BE REVIEWED AT NEXT SUB-GROUP MEETING.

10. SOLAR, GEOTHERMAL AND WIND: AT REQUEST OF U U.S. DEL, SECRETARIAT WILL REVIEW THE STATUS OF SOLAR, GEOTHERMAL AND WIND TECHNOLOGY AND CURRENT POLICIES IN MEMBER COUNTRIES TO ENCOURAGE THEIR INTRODUCTION AND REPORT TO THE SUB-GROUP AT THE NEXT MEETING.

11. THE NEXT CONSERVATION SUB-GROUP MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 19-21.
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